Listing of the Claims

The claims have not been amended, but are listed below for the convenience of the Examiner.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for utilizing personal information to customize an application program, comprising the steps of:

receiving personal information from a user corresponding to a unique user identity, wherein the personal information includes at least one of the user's:

surname;

given name;

address;

set of initials;

telephone number; and

firm name;

creating a user record for each unique user identity including the personal information;

storing multiple user records with personal information that corresponds to a plurality of unique user identities, each of the user records being accessible by a plurality of application programs; and

upon identifying the unique user identity applicable to execution of an application program that is included in the plurality of application programs, sharing the personal information corresponding with the unique user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information is applied to customize an output of the application program.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to the unique user identity,

retrieving the user record including the personal information;

modifying the user record including the personal information with the new personal information; and

sharing the new personal information with the application program, wherein the new personal information is applied to an output of the application program.

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3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to a new unique user identity,

creating a user record including the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity; and

sharing the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity with the application program, wherein the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity is applied to an output of the application program.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

in response to receiving a change in user identity,

retrieving the user record corresponding to the changed user identity; and

sharing personal information associated with the user record corresponding to the changed user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information associated with the user record corresponding to the changed user identity is applied to an output of the application program.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the user record in a framework identity database.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of receiving personal information further comprises the step of sending the personal information to a shared code library for the plurality of application programs, wherein the shared code library sends the personal information to the framework identity database.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal information corresponding to a unique user identity further comprises the step of receiving the personal information through a user interface.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal information corresponding to a unique user identity further comprises the step of receiving one of new and previously stored personal information from one of a computer and a network.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of sharing the personal information with the application program further comprises the step of customizing an output of the application program using the personal information.

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10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein the user interface comprises at least one of: a graphical user interface, a mouse, a keyboard, a touch-sensitive display screen, and a voice recognition interface.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the personal information comprises at least one of: a user name, an address, a telephone number, a picture, a speech pattern, a preference, and a list.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the personal information comprises at least one of: a dictionary, an auto-correct list, a menu option, a dialog layout, a dictionary setting, a grammar setting, a help list, and a user preference list.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the output comprises at least one of: a document, a template, a wizard, a command, a tab, a preference, and a feature.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the application program comprises at least one of: a word processor, an electronic spreadsheet, a graphical presentation program, an electronic personal information manager, and an electronic mail program.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the application program comprises a plurality of modules.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of receiving personal information comprises the step of receiving personal information from a second application program.

17. (Previously Presented) A computer system for utilizing personal information to customize an application program comprising:

a memory for storing an application program, machine instructions, and a framework identity database; and

a processor functionally coupled to the memory, for executing the machine instructions and in response thereto, being operable for:

receiving personal information from a user corresponding to a unique user identity, wherein the personal information includes at least one of the user's:

surname;

given name;

address;

set of initials;

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telephone number; and

firm name;

creating a user record for each unique user identity including the personal information;

storing multiple user records with personal information that corresponds to a plurality of unique user identities, each of the user records being accessible by a plurality of application programs; and

upon identifying the unique user identity applicable to execution of an application program included in the plurality of application programs, sharing the personal information corresponding with the unique user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information is applied to customize an output of the application program.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine instructions further cause the processor to:

in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to the unique user identity,

retrieve the user record including the personal information;

modify the user record including the personal information with the new personal information; and

share the new personal information with the application program, wherein the new personal information is applied to an output of the application program.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine instructions further cause the processor to:

in response to receiving new personal information corresponding to a new unique user identity,

create a user record including the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity; and

share the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity with the application program, wherein the new personal information corresponding to the new unique user identity is applied to an output of the application program.

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20. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the machine instructions further cause the processor to:

in response to receiving a change in user identity,

retrieve the user record corresponding to the changed user identity; and

share personal information associated with the user record corresponding to the changed user identity with the application program, wherein the personal information associated with the user record corresponding to the changed user identity is applied to an output of the application program.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine instructions further cause the processor to store the user record in the framework identity database.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 21, wherein the machine instructions further cause the processor to send the personal information to a shared code library for the plurality of application programs, wherein the shared code library sends the personal information to the framework identity database.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal information corresponding to the unique user identity is received through a user interface.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal information corresponding to the unique user identity is received as one of new and previously stored personal information from one of a computer and a network.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the machine instructions further cause the processor to customize an output of the application program using the personal information.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, further comprising a user interface comprising at least one of: a graphical user interface, a mouse, a keyboard, a touch-sensitive display screen, and a voice recognition interface.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal information comprises at least one of: a user name, an address, a telephone number, a picture, a speech pattern, a preference, and a list.

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28. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the personal information comprises at least one of: a dictionary, an auto-correct list, a menu option, a dialog layout, a dictionary setting, a grammar setting, a help list, and a user preference list.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the output comprises at least one of: a document, a template, a wizard, a command, a tab, a preference, and a feature.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the application program comprises at least one of: a word processor, an electronic spreadsheet, a graphical presentation program, an electronic personal information manager, and an electronic mail program.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein the application program comprises a plurality of modules.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer system of Claim 17, wherein personal information is received from a second application program.

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